(एन. एम. डी. सी.) द्वारा लौह अयस्क और हीरों के उत्पादन में प्रत्येक वर्ष वृद्धि हो रही है जबकि मुख्य रूप से प्रचालन लागत में वृद्धि होने तथा लौह अयस्क के निर्यातमूल्यों में कमी होने के कारण पिछले तीन वर्षों में लाभ पर प्रभाव पड़ा है। पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कारोबार, लाभ और एन. एम. डी. सी. द्वारा दिए गए लाभांश का ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है :—

(करोड़ रुपए)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
(1) बिक्री कारोबार (अन्य आय सहित)	304.71	209.37	306.57
(2) कर पूर्व निवल लाभ	145.21	116.30	96.74
(3) दिया गया लाभांश	26.43	26.43	26.43

(ग) और (घ) नेशनल मिनरल डेवलपमेन्ट कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड और इस्पात मंत्रालय के बीच हाल ही में 1994-95 के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर हुए और कम्पनी ने 1994-95 के दौरान निम्नलिखित वास्तविक और वित्तीय लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने की घोषणा की है:—

(1) लौह अयस्क का उत्पादन	11.2 मिलियन टन
(2) हीरों का उत्पादन	17300 कैरेट
(3) सकल लाभ	78.26 करोड़ रुपए
(4) लगी पूंजी से निवल लाभ	11.51%

Import of coal by SAIL

2960. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel Authority of India Limited has decided to increase import of coal due to the failure of the Coal India Limited to Supply required quantity of quality coal to it;

(b) if so, the details of the total requirement of coal and supply from Coal India Limited during the last three years; and

(c) the quantity of coal imported during the last three years and proposed for the current year and at what rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. SAIL is importing low ash coking coal to bridge the quantitative and qualitative gap between SAIL's requirement and availability from indigenous sources. The requirement of coking coal by SAIL Plants and actual despatches from

CIL during the last three years is indicated in the table below:—

Unit: Million Tonnes

Year	SAIL'S/requirement	Actual Despatches From CIL
1991-92	14.20	8.88
1992-93	14.60	9.51
1993-94	15.00	9.44

(c) The quantity of coking coal imported by SAIL during the last three years was as follows:

Year	Quantity (Million Tonnes)
1991-92	4.255
1992-93	4.248
1993-94	4.750

During the current financial year (1994-95), upto December, 1994, a quantity of 3.865 million tonnes has been imported at an approx. average cost including ocean freight, of Rs. 1860 per tonne. A total quantity of 5.5 million tonnes is planned for imports during 1994-95.

Setting up Steel Plant with Chinese Technology in West Bengal

2961. SHRI HIPHEI:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a steel plant with Chinese technology is being set up in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to ask other State Governments to explore possibilities of setting up of some plants of their requirement after entering into tie-up with foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) State Government of West Bengal has informed that following Indian Companies have signed MOUs/Agreements in 1994-95 for setting up steel/pig iron plants with Chinese Technology in the State of West Bengal:—

(i) M/s. Modern India Concast Limited has signed a MOU for setting up pig iron plant with an annual capacity of 1.5 lakh tonnes at an estimated cost of US $ 25 million.

(ii) M/s. Stiefel & Schuh Industries Limited has signed a MOU for setting up a steel plant with an annual capacity of 3.4 lakh tonnes at an estimated cost of US $ 82 million.

(iii) M/s. Apeejay Limited has signed an Agreement for a joint venture for construction of either